

Calaveras Dam Project Update

In a major victory for the restoration of steelhead trout to Alameda Creek, the Calaveras Dam Project has been revised to improve fish habitat in the upper watershed after the dam construction is completed. The final Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission project to replace Calaveras Dam in the upper Alameda Creek watershed was approved last Thursday, January 27. The revised project includes future changes to dam operations, construction of a fish ladder and fish screens on the associated diversion dam, a planned habitat management plan and a commitment to provide cold-water flow releases into Alameda Creek.

Read the San Francisco Chronicle article – January 28, 2011

Calaveras Dam Rebuilding Project Approved

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/28/BASP1HF8J9.DTL>

Read the Alameda Creek Alliance press release:

Calaveras Dam Project Revised, Future Operations Could Help Restore Alameda Creek

http://www.alamedacreek.org/Press_Releases/Calaveras%20Dam%20Revisions%201-25-11.pdf

Read the SFPUC press release:

SFPUC Unanimously Approves Calaveras Dam Replacement

http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC_ID/18/MS_C_ID/114/C_ID/5372

Read the Fremont Bulletin article – January 28, 2011

Calaveras Dam Project Revised, May Help Alameda Creek

http://www.mercurynews.com/fremont/ci_17227810?nclick_check=1

You can read the final EIR, including responses to comments, on the San Francisco Planning Department website.

<http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1829>

Thank you to everyone who sent in a comment letter regarding Calaveras Dam, attended a hearing, signed your organization on to a letter, or supported the Alliance's efforts over the past six years. This is a major victory we can all be proud of and we are one significant step closer to getting steelhead back in our creek!

Other Alameda Creek News

This Just In: Eastern Alameda County Bird-Count Results

East Bay Express – January 18, 2011

<http://www.eastbayexpress.com/92510/archives/2011/01/18/this-just-in-eastern-alameda-county-bird-count-results>

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District is planning a second bank stabilization project in Arroyo de la Laguna, at the Verona Bridge in Pleasanton. This will be a demonstration project to control erosive streamflow in the Arroyo, using bioengineered stream restoration practices. The RCD and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are currently preparing an environmental assessment of the proposed project. The current project is just north of a 2006 project by the RCD and other agencies that project was designed to reduce streambank erosion, establish vegetation, and improve riparian habitat along 1,000 feet of the Arroyo.

<http://www.acrcd.org/partnership-projects/creeks-and-watersheds/arroyo-de-la-laguna.aspx>

Regional Salmon News

A Small Fish Caught In A Big Fuss

Los Angeles Times – February 2, 2011

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-delta-smelt-20110202,0,527655.story>

Feds Will Reevaluate Endangered Status of Longfin Smelt

Center for Biological Diversity – February 2, 2011

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2011/lonfin-smelt-02-02-2011.html

The Great Myth of the Delta's 'Earthquake-Prone' Levees

IndyMedia – January 31, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/01/31/18670854.php>

Salmon Pesticide Protections Under Attack by Politicians

EarthJustice press release – January 31, 2011

[http://earthjustice.org/news/press/2011/salmon-pesticide-protections-under-attack-by-politicians?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ejprtwt+\(Twitter%3A+Press+Releases\)](http://earthjustice.org/news/press/2011/salmon-pesticide-protections-under-attack-by-politicians?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ejprtwt+(Twitter%3A+Press+Releases))

Fishermen Respond to Obama's SOTU Salmon Joke

Daily Caller – January 28, 2011

<http://dailycaller.com/2011/01/28/fishermen-respond-to-obamas-sotu-salmon-joke/>

Plan for Delta Water Use Should End Big Agriculture Takeover of State Water Project, Groups Say

Center for Biological Diversity press release – January 26, 2011

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2011/delta-water-plan-01-26-2011.html

Salmon and the State of the Union

EarthJustice Press Release – January 26, 2011

<http://earthjustice.org/news/press/2011/salmon-and-the-state-of-the-union>

Interior Blues

Zeke Grader's City Brights Blog – January 26, 2011

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/zgrader/detail?entry_id=81705

Agribusiness Trying to Pit Fishermen Against Each Other

Red Green & Blue – January 24, 2011

<http://redgreenandblue.org/2011/01/24/agribusiness-trying-to-pit-fishermen-against-each-other/>

Brown Appoints John Laird Secretary of Natural Resources

AlterNet – January 24, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/01/24/18670144.php>

Brown Appoints Gerald Meral to Head Delta Policy Program

AlterNet – January 21, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/01/21/18669823.php>

New Report Targets Unreasonable Water Use in California

California Progress Report – January 17, 2011

<http://www.californiaprogressreport.com/site/?q=node/8580>

Delta Data Distorted, 2 Bay Area Utilities Say

San Francisco Chronicle – January 15, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=c/a/2011/01/15/MNEG1H5DVB.DTL>

California Can't Have it All: There's Not Enough Water to Support Farmers, Cities and the Environment

High Country News – January 12, 2011

http://www.alternet.org/water/149495/california_can't_have_it_all%3A_there's_not_enough_water_to_support_farmers_cities_and_the_environment?page=entire

Bioengineered Salmon: State Bill Seeks Clear Label

San Francisco Chronicle – January 7, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/07/BA6G1H5F4D.DTL>

Plan to Mine Gravel in Russian River Draws Fire

San Francisco Chronicle – January 7, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/07/BAP21H5BPD.DTL&tsp=1>